

Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

2nd Quarter Summaries of Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities

Erie

(#10) A 2-year-old female child died on February 29, 2024, as a result of serious physical neglect. Erie County Office of Children and Youth founded the report on April 4, 2024, naming the victim child's mother and father as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported that the victim child left the home in the night and was subsequently found dead in the park in the morning. Video footage revealed the child left the home around 10:00 PM and was found dead around 7:00 AM two blocks away from the home. It was determined through the investigation that the mother and the father failed to adequately supervise the child, which led to the child getting out of the home and dying as a result of cold exposure. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the two other children in the home at the time of the incident were placed with relatives, and services were provided. At the time the report was founded, the mother and the father had a disposition of criminal charges. The family was previously known to child welfare.